

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
TODAY'S DATE: January 14, 2004
MEETING TIME: **Friday, February 6, 2004, @ 9:00 AM**
PLACE: **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
5301 Longley Lane
Bldg F, Room 201
Reno, Nevada
775-784-5863**

Don Henderson, Director

AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and acted upon but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending:

Call to Order by Chairman Benny Romero

1. Board Business

- A. Welcome and overview statements - Livia Marques, State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (**INFORMATION**)
- B. Election of officers (**ACTION**)
- C.* Approval of Minutes (Osborne) (**ACTION**)
- D. Special Reports
 - 1. Proposed electrical rate adjustments affecting customers
 - A. Background information relating to electrical rate adjustments proposed by Sierra Pacific Power Company. Laura Walsh, Manager of Regulatory Pricing & Economic Analysis, and Gene Williams, Analyst for Rates & Regulatory Affairs (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. State procedures and public involvement relating to adoption of electrical rates. Timothy Hay, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Bureau (**ACTION**)
 - 2. State implementation of federal regulations relating to Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). Bruce Holmgren, Staff Engineer, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (**ACTION**)

E.* Goals and Objectives (**INFORMATION**)

2. Director's Report (Henderson)

- A.* Summary and overview of Department activities (**ACTION**)
- B.* Adoption of changes to NAC 453A governing the administration of the Nevada Medical Marijuana Program (Bartlett) (**ACTION**)
- C. Update on Department activities relating to Natural Resource Management and Regulation (McCuin) (**INFORMATION**)

3. Division of Administration (Gimlin)

- A. Financial Manager Seminar Report (**INFORMATION**)
- B. New staff (**INFORMATION**)
- 4. Division of Animal Industry (Thain)
 - A. Washington BSE Update (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. Wyoming Brucellosis Update (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. West Nile Virus (**INFORMATION**)
 - D. Virginia Range Estray Horses (**INFORMATION**)
 - E. Animal Disease and Food Safety Laboratory (Rink) (**INFORMATION**)
- 5. Division of Livestock Identification (Connelley)
 - A. Update on re-recording (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. Report on Advisory Board meeting (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. Program information (**INFORMATION**)
- 6. Division of Plant Industry (Gronowski)
 - A. Construction of Plant Health and Certification Laboratory (**INFORMATION**)
 - B.* Request adoption of amendments to NAC 555.100 to 555.235 pertaining to nursery stock and nursery stock sales. (**ACTION**)
 - C.* Request to proceed to workshop and hearing on NAC 587.340 pertaining to inspection and certification fees. (**ACTION**)
- 7. Division of Measurement Standards (Grabski)
 - A. Capital improvement projects (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. Status report on NAC 581.025 (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. Status report on NAC 590.065 (**INFORMATION**)
- 8. Program Cluster Reports
 - A. Environmental Compliance (Moses)
 - 1. EPA Report (Handout) (**INFORMATION**)
 - B. Crop Science (Bradley)
 - 1.* Request approval of the appointment of Bruce Quinlan, Wild Oats Market, as an Organic Council member to serve from 1/1/04-12/31/06. (**ACTION**)
 - 2.* Approval of expenditure for annual dues for Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board to Council of Agricultural Science and Technology for 2004 in the amount of \$100. (**ACTION**)
 - 3.* Appointment of Alan List to the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board for the period 2/7/04-6/30/05 representing Humboldt and Pershing Counties (**ACTION**)
 - 4. Permission to go to workshop and hearings on proposed changes to NAC 587 pertaining to seed certification applications and fees. (**ACTION**)
 - C. Las Vegas Office (Smigel)
- 9. Personnel Session (Closed to the Public)
- 10. Public Comments (**INFORMATION**)
- 11. Travel Claims and Salary (**INFORMATION**)

12. Date of Next Meeting (**ACTION**)

13. Adjournment (**ACTION**)

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Connie Rosecrans at (775) 688-1180 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(* denotes supporting documents in the board packet)

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. Please note what action is needed by the Board on your action items. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. **Chairman Benny Romero has requested very brief reports.** Make sure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the "Board" to look at.

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